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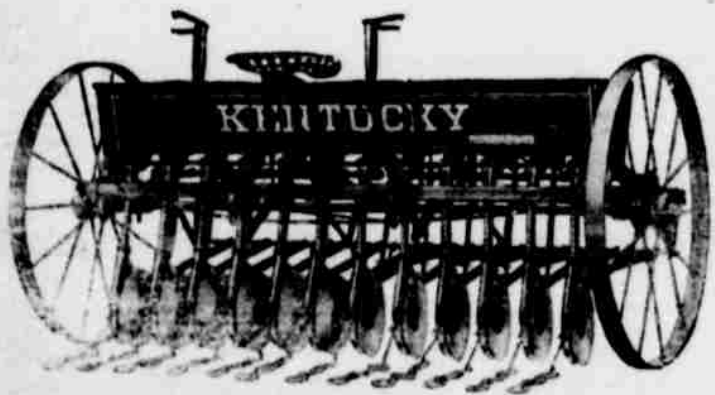
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"More, the food crisis has become the central crisis of the war."

"Let me suggest the use of substitutes wherever possible."

"If American women use substitutes they will leave free for shipment more basic foods."

"This would effect prices here. And cost is as important as economy. It is ridiculous to preach economy to the poor who, far from wasting food, can hardly buy enough."

"American women must realize the British determination to win is their only bulwark against national disaster until their own military force has been fully developed. So in economizing American women will be acting in self-defense."

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### A Brave Man Under a Cloud

By WARREN MILLER

A large amount of silver plate and jewelry had been taken by burglars from a rich man's house. The burglars escaped without being seen. The police got busy and tracked some of the plunder to a pawnshop. The pawnbroker declared that it had been brought in by a respectable looking man who represented himself as a man of business who had been well to do and had met reverses. The pawnbroker was suspicious of him, but he told so straight a story that the pawnbroker was finally convinced and bought several hundred dollars' worth of articles from him. The next day the purchased goods were identified as having been stolen.

That is as far as the police got in the matter till one day the pawnbroker met a man on the street who resembled the broken down merchant who had sold him the stolen goods. He followed the suspect and on coming to a policeman turned him over. The captive showed a great deal of indignation at his arrest and threatened the pawnbroker with suit for damages as soon as he had been acquitted. He said that he was not a merchant and had never been a merchant. He was a seafaring man and had been ashore only a few weeks. He gave his name as Patrick Dugan and was a native of Ireland.

When the trial came off the prisoner claimed that on the date of the theft or, rather, the sale of the plunder to the pawnbroker he was not in America at all. The prosecuting attorney asked him where he was at that time. Before replying he asked the date and was reminded that the pawnbroker's entry in his cash book of the payment for the goods he had purchased was Aug. 15. The prisoner scratched his head thoughtfully, but could not remember where he was on the date named. He thought he was at sea, but was not sure. Asked if he kept no record that would prove his case, he said that he didn't even know how to write.

This statement threw doubt on his accuser's statement that he had palmed himself off as a merchant in reduced circumstances and gained sympathy from the jury. Even the prosecuting attorney tried to help the poor man to get evidence to prove his alibi.

"If the captain of the Mark Hutchins was here," said the prisoner, "he could tell where I was on that day, for all that summer I was sailing with him."

"Where is the party?" asked the prisoner's counsel.

"He was here for two weeks till yesterday. I seen him in the street and tried to speak to him, but I lost him in the crowd. I seen by the papers that his ship was to sail last night when the tide served."

"What's that yer sayin'?" said one of the spectators. "I'm cap'n of the Mark Hutchins, and I haven't sailed neither. I sail tomorrow. One of my crew told me that an old messmate, Pat Dugan, was to be tried today for sellin' stolen goods. Dugan was a good man, and I thought I'd come round and see if the man belai' tried was him. But that feller isn't Pat Dugan. He's a fraud."

"Cap'n," cried the prisoner, almost in tears, "don't say that. I'm Pat Dugan sure enough. I've cut my beard since you saw me. Don't you remember that night when we was roundin' Cape Cod with the wind blowin' a gale out of the north and fo'castle covered with lee and the main jib had to be lowered?"

"Are you the man that went out on the bowsprit at the risk of slidin' overboard and lowered that jib?"

"Why, sarlin, cap'n. Don't go back on me now. I stood by you and the crew that awful night."

"I reckon you did stand by me. That was the bravest deed in my reckonin'. It was purty high sure death. There was nothin' but slippery lee to hold on to."

"Let the witness take the stand," said the attorney for the defense. The captain having been sworn the lawyer proceeded to question him.

"Was the prisoner a member of your crew in the summer of 19--?"

"He was."

"Where was your ship on the 15th of August of that year?"

"Well, now, if you'd asked me where I was on the 1st of that month or the last of it I couldn't have told you without lookin' over the log. But I can never forget the middle of that month of that year. We run aground on the coast of Africa and couldn't get off. A party of cutthroat niggers came off in boats to murder us and take the ship before the tide rose and let us off. Pat Dugan there suggested that we fight 'em with hot steam from the boilers. He took one hose and I the other. We beat 'em off, and if it hadn't been for Pat's suggestion we'd have all been heaved overboard as dead men."

The prisoner was the center of the admiring vision of the court and spectators. He bore his honors modestly, and no one would have taken him for a hero had it not been for the witness' story. The jury acquitted him without leaving their seats.

A few days later a policeman, who had been on duty in court at the trial, saw the captain of the Mark Hutchins and the man for whom he had proved an alibi getting into an automobile. The policeman had seen the owner get out of it and, suspecting that something was wrong, stopped them. They were tried for attempted theft and sent up for a term of years. They were both old crooks.

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